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MICHIGAN COURTS LAUNCH NEW WEB PAGE; 'MORE AND BETTER  
INFORMATION' ABOUT STATE LEGAL SYSTEM IS GOAL

LANSING, MI, October 10, 2001 – People who want information about Michigan's justice system have a new resource – a "One Court of Justice" web page that guides users through state courts and related agencies.

"Our goal is to help the people of Michigan have more and better information about the legal system," said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. "One way of realizing that goal is to make that information available, and easy to find, on the Web."

The page, which debuted today, features links to the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, state trial courts, and the State Court Administrative Office. Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions are available through those courts' web pages.

In addition, the page offers links to Michigan laws, court rules, and educational resources, such as the Supreme Court Learning Center, which includes special programs for children studying the justice system. A wide variety of court forms are also available through the site, for use in civil cases, adoption, garnishment, landlord and tenant, personal protection orders, small claims, trusts and estates, and many more types of legal matters.

One feature, "All About the Courts," directs users to information about such matters as jury duty, wills, paternity, divorce proceedings, and traffic issues. Written in a question-and-answer format, "All About the Courts" explains the functions of Michigan's circuit, probate, district, small claims, and other courts; the feature also covers proceedings in criminal and civil cases.

The site address is <http://courts.michigan.gov/>.

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